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1. FOLLOWING IS VOTING ON FIRST TWO BALLOTS FOR SYG APRIL 5.

INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT SOURCES AND CONFIRMED BY CHAIRMAN OF LA CAUCUS. DILLON: US/CANADA; VIVIAN: UK/GERMANY; LAMBERT: FRANCE/ITALY/SCANDIVANIA/MOROCCO/SENEGAL/PAKISTAN/JAPAN/YUGOSLAVIA/CZECHOSLOVAKIA/USSR/(GAINED PRC ON SECOND BALLOT); BARKAH: INDONESIA/INDIA/NIGERIA/KENYA/MADAGASCAR/EGYPT/LEBANON/AUSTRALIA; LAMI DOZO: ARGENTINA/COLOMBIA/BRAZIL/MEXICO/CENTRAL AMERICA (COSTA RICA)/TRINIDAD & TOBAGO/SPAIN/PRC (LOST PRC ON SECOND BALLOT).

2. PRC PROMISED TO VOTE FOR LAMI IF LA BLOC SUPPORTED PRC PROPOSAL TO OUST TAIWAN FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. PRC ALSO PROMISED TO SUPPORT FRANCE IF EUR WOULD VOTE FOR PRC PROPOSAL. SOCIALIST BLOC APPARENTLY DID NOT WANT TO CHOOSE BETWEEN INDONESIA AND ARGENTINA AND RISK OFFENDING ONE OR THE OTHER AND SO VOTED FOR FRANCE. HOWEVER, SOV REP HAD TOLD USREP EARLIER THEIR VOTING WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SUPPORT FOR MORE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ON THE COUNCIL AT NEXT ASSEMBLY ONE YEAR FROM NOW.

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3. FORMER BELGIAN COUNCIL REP PIRSON WHO WAS VOTED OFF COUNCIL AT

74 ASSEMBLY HAS SINCE BEEN ASSIGNED TO BELGIAN DEL UN NY. HE ARRIVED FOUR DAYS BEFORE ELECTION AND REPORTEDLY BROUGHT WORD OF GREAT MANIPULATION AMONG UN DELS AND COMMITMENTS WITH RESPECT TO UN TYPE ISSUES AND BARTERING OF "GOODS AND SERVICES."

- 4. EAST AFRICAN REP TOLD US DURING RECESS THAT HIS COMMITMENT TO US FOR PAST TWO MONTHS HAD NOT BEEN OPPOSED BY HIS GOVERNMENT (KENYA) BUT OVER WEEKEND HE HAD RECEIVED CALL FROM "ONE OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES" READING HIM OUT AND ADVISING HIM TO VOTE THIRD WORLD AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES FOR US. (UNDOUBTEDLY THIS REPRESENTED COMBINED TANZANIA AND UGANDA INTERESTS). HOWEVER, HOW THEY FOUND OUT HE WAS GOING TO VOTE US AT THE LAST MINUTE IS ANOTHER QUESTION.
- 5. AUSTRALIA REP TOLD US THAT HE COULD NOT BELIEVE SOME OF THE THREATS AND STATEMENTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE IN HIS OFFICE, REMINDING HIM OF "COLONIAL DAYS." ON QUESTIONING, HE SAID THAT AN EUR COUNTRY "SAID THAT IF ANY EUR COUNTRY RENEGED ON THE EUR AGREEMENT AT ANY POINT NOT ONLY WOULD THAT COUNTRY BE LOOKED UPON ASKANCE BUT SO WOULD COUNTRIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEFECT." HE WAS FURIOUS BUT ASSURED US THAT THEIR VOTE FOR INDONESIA WAS A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY WITH SIMILAR AVIATION PROBLEMS ETC. USREP NOW BELIEVES THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE TO AUSTRALIA WERE ALSO MADE TO ITALY WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR REPS BACKING OFF FROM STRONG EARLY US SUPPORT AS WAS INDICATED IN MEETING APRIL 5.
- 6. UK REP IS EMOTIONALLY STRUNG OUT AND APPARENTLY FURIOUS AT THE WORLD IN GENERAL INCLUDING HIS CANDIDATE VIVIAN AND USREP (FOR REASONS UNKNOWN AT THIS POINT).
- 7. BRAZIL REP TOLD US THAT HE HAD COUNTED 7 VOTES FOR US ON FIRST BALLOT, 12 ON SECOND AND 22 ON THIRD. HE WAS PARTICULARLY FURIOUS WITH EGYPT REP WHO HAD TOLD HIM PERSONALLY THAT HE WAS COMMITTED TO USREP. BRAZIL REITERATED STATEMENT MADE BY SEVERAL, THAT STRONG RELIGIOUS APPEAL WAS MADE BY BARKAH TO ALL MOSLEMS WHO ACCORDING TO BRAZIL ARE TALKING ABOUT "HAPPENINGS IN 1300 AND A RETURN OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE."

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8. STEADY STREAM OF REGRETFUL STATEMENTS, GIFTS, AND FLOWERY SPEECHES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY USREP FROM FRANCE, SPAIN AND OTHERS INCLUDING MEMBERS SECRETARIAT. HOWEVER, VIVIAN TOLD US THAT THERE WAS GREAT OPPOSITION TO USREP WITHIN SECRETARIAT BECAUSE OF MY OUTSPOKEN POSITION REGARDING STRINGENT BUDGET MEASURES, MY BELIEF IN THE WORK ETHIC, AND FRUGALITY. SEVERAL COUNCIL REPS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WERE SHOCKED BECAUSE US DID NOT HAVE AT LEAST 4-6 VOTES ON FIRST BALLOT WHICH WOULD HAVE

BEEN ENOUGH TO TIP THE SCALES ON SECOND BALLOT BRINGING IN ALL OF LA AND SEVERAL OTHERS. APPARENTLY MANY MEMBERS WERE EXPECTING THAT SOMEONE ELSE WOULD BE VOTING FOR USREP ON FIRST BALLOT AND ONCE THE BASE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED THEY WOULD JOIN IN. HARPER

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